

Vote!



April 14, 2026
9:30 am - 8:30 pm
Comsewogue School District Residents



*Annual Report to the Community
Budget Vote/Trustee Election*

**Comsewogue Public Library
Proposed 2026-2027 Operating Budget**

The Library's proposed budget does not pierce the tax cap. A district-wide total tax levy increase of \$61,576 is proposed.

Staff:	\$3,058,662
Professional and Support Staff	
Mandated Expenses, Staff Expenses:	1,889,800
NYS Retirement, Employee Insurance, Social Security, Unemployment & Worker's Compensation Insurance	
Library Materials and Programs:	654,500
Adult, Children's and Teen Print & Digital Lending and Reference Collections, Library of Things ² , Courses, Workshops & Events	
Library Operations:	355,500
Circulation & Security Systems & Services, Supplies, Furniture & Equipment, Computer Hardware & Software, Library System Membership	
Building Expenses:	471,500
Utilities, Telecommunications, Cartage, Snow Removal, Equipment and Building Maintenance & Repair, Library Insurance & Equipment Rental	
Administrative Expenses:	204,500
Audit, Legal, Printing, Postage, Annual Library Election/Vote, Conference/Training, Memberships	
Capital Projects Fund Allocation	200,000
Total Proposed Operating Budget:	\$6,834,462
Less Anticipated Revenue	3,177,744
Less Assigned Fund Balance	276,141
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$3,380,578

It is estimated that with the adoption of this budget, the Library's tax rate will increase approximately \$0.29, from \$15.005 to \$15.301 per \$100.00 of the current estimate of assessed valuation of your home. This represents a **1.855% tax levy increase**, below the Library's allowable tax levy increase limit of 1.887%.

¹More detailed proposed operating budget available online at www.cplib.org and at the Library

²Lending of non-traditional items, ex. mobile hotspots, museum passes, outdoor games, electronic devices, etc.

**How To Determine Your Household's
Proposed Library Tax**

(Based on the most recent data at time of printing)

Proposed Tax =

(Home's Assessed Value x Tax Rate per \$100)/100

2026-2027 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate per \$100 = \$15.301

For a Home Assessed at:	Proposed Estimated Annual Cost	Estimated Annual Increase
\$3,000	\$459.03	\$8.35
\$4,000	\$612.04	\$11.14



Voter Registration Information

Requirements To Vote In This Election

- ◆ You are at least 18 years of age
- ◆ You are a citizen of the United States
- ◆ You have been a resident of the Comsewogue School District for at least 30 days
- ◆ You have voted in any general, school or other election in the last 4 years

Voter Registration

Registration is available during normal school day hours at the Comsewogue District Office.

Early Voter/Absentee Ballots

Early Voter/Absentee ballots must be completed and received by the Election Clerk on or before Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

(Applications are available at the Library and on our website)

Annual Report to the Community

Your public library continues to fulfill its mission while pursuing its vision and “living” its values. Fostering deep connections with individuals and organizations in the community, the library empowers people, offering discovery, exploration, and growth resources and experiences. Conveniently access materials and services of all kinds from wherever you are, or visit the modern and well-maintained building and grounds. Our staff is happy to explain everything available to you. Stop by or visit online at www.cplib.org.

The library actively listens to your needs and concerns, delivering services and collections that reflecting the community’s interests and needs. As a reliable and trusted institution, the library steadfastly protects intellectual freedom and safeguards personal information.

Most recently, the library improved its energy-saving infrastructure by replacing a large section of the 1999 window system (NYS grant is assisting with this) and converting parking lot fixtures to LED lighting. The library, certified through the Sustainable Libraries Initiative, remains focused on future energy-efficient facility improvements for the enjoyment and comfort of all.

Please call (631) 928-1212 ext.112 or send comments and suggestions to me at: debbie@cplib.org.

Debra Engelhardt
Library Director



2025—A Year in Review

- ◇ Featured in *Newsday LI Life* sustainability article
- ◇ Achieved ADA Title II Compliance (website)
- ◇ Butterfly Houses Constructed & Installed (Eagle Scout Project)
- ◇ Windows Replacement, Phase I (south side) - completed (\$85K NYS Construction Grant approved)
- ◇ Parking Lot Lighting converted to LED
- ◇ New Furniture & New Signage installed (Adult Services)
- ◇ Collection Development & Analysis Tools improved
- ◇ Host Servers Replaced; Optimum Fiber Internet Connection upgraded
- ◇ Security Systems & Reporting improved

2026—New & Coming Soon

- ◇ “The Space” Initiative launches – community classroom and tech innovation
- ◇ *Gridlock Apple* sculpture donated (by The Suominen Family)
- ◇ *Butterfly Highway* Pollinator Bed added (LINPI donation)
- ◇ ADA-compliant raised gardening planters added (Eagle Scout Project)
- ◇ NYSSMA Music Lending Library launched (Girl Scout Gold Award)
- ◇ Pet Pantry - Partnership with Girl Scouts

Library Trustee Candidate

Christopher McCrary

Chris McCrary is running for re-election to the Library Board.

Mr. McCrary is a high school biology teacher who has lived in the Comsewogue Library District for over fifty years. Mr. McCrary has also coached soccer and lacrosse. Mr. McCrary had the following to say about his interest in continuing to serve on the Library Board: "It's an honor to serve on the CPL Board and to play a small role in the continued success of this tremendous community resource. 'The Library' has been an invaluable resource throughout my life and this is an opportunity to give something back to my home away from home".

Library Trustee Candidate

Joan Nickeson

Joan Nickeson is a resident of Terryville and a new candidate for Trustee. She has been a patron of the Comsewogue Library District for 54 years. A retired public school teacher, Joan Nickeson is a volunteer educator-tester for Literacy Suffolk, Inc. She is a founding member of the Cumsewogue Historical Society and lives with her husband Richard Nickeson and daughter, a graduate of Comsewogue High School.

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Budget Information Meeting

April 2, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

The Library Director, Debra Engelhardt, is available to answer any questions you have about the Library or the Budget.

Please call, (631) 928-1212 ext.112 or e-mail debbie@cplib.org



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Hours: Monday- Thursday 9:30 am- 9 pm, Friday & Saturday 9:30 am- 5 pm, Sunday 12 pm- 4 pm (Oct- Mid-May)